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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I chose a competitive telephone and internet provider because they give me better service at a lower cost. This is how free markets are supposed to work and the reason our free market economy benefits consumers. Without this competition, consumers will suffer unfairly. The purpose of the FCC is to protect access to competitive markets so it is incumbent on you to preserve broadband competition.

Local broadband providers are vitally important.

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